

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2235 – SB 2484

April 16, 2012

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (015889, 016471, 016498):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires students wishing to graduate early under the early high school graduation program in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-8303 known as the “Move on When Ready Act” to successfully complete the minimum credits required by the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education (SBE). Removes other current graduation requirements of the program.

Reinstates the current statutory graduation requirements in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-8303 for students in counties that have a population of not less than 14,500 or more than 14,600; not less than 18,751 or more than 18,800; not less than 27,801 or more than 27,900; not less than 61,000 or more than 61,100; and not less than 900,000. Participating students in these counties shall be exempt from additional graduation requirements established by the SBE.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Other Fiscal Impact – Any student in a county with these population parameters who would have been otherwise eligible to participate in the 2012-2013 school year and subsequent years will not do so. For each non-participant there will be a cost avoidance to the state of \$2,000 from the Lottery for Education Account beginning in FY12-13 and in subsequent fiscal years.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

**Other Fiscal Impact – Any student in a county outside the ones specifically listed in the amendments, who would otherwise have been eligible to participate beginning in the 2012-2013 school year and subsequent years, may not be able to do so with graduation revisions. For each non-participant there will be a cost avoidance to the state of \$2,000 from the Lottery for Education Account beginning in FY12-13 and in subsequent fiscal years.**

Assumptions applied to amendments:


- The “Move on When Ready Act” will begin in the 2012-2013 school year. Therefore, the number of participants under current guidelines who will be unable to participate with these revisions cannot be reasonably quantified. However, it is assumed that fewer students will be eligible to participate.

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- Students in Crockett, Haywood, Lauderdale, Tipton, and Shelby Counties will participate under the current requirements. Students in all other counties must abide by the SBE's current graduation requirements.
- Each non-participant who would otherwise have participated would have increased state expenditures by \$2,000 from the Lottery for Education Account.
- For each non-participant, there will be a cost avoidance to the state of \$2,000 beginning in FY12-13 and in subsequent fiscal years from the Lottery for Education Account.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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